GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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SUBSIDY FOR EXPORT OF WHEAT AND PADDY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to subsidise wheat and paddy exports to make it competitive;

(b) if so, the extent of subsidy proposed to be given;

(c) whether open market import of wheat has been stopped; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): The Government has decided to reimburse certain port delivery expenses to the exporters permissible within the framework of WTO requirements. The extent of such reimbursement is decided from time to time. No export of paddy as such from the Central Pool is taking place.

(c)&(d): In view of the huge stocks of wheat in the Central Pool far above the minimum buffer stocks norm, no import has taken place since 1999-2000 on Government account.